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SUBJECT.

Measures to be adopted with a view to checking alarmist rumours regarding threat to India arising from Far Eastern War.

WD 0578—GPB—22,500—12-9-39

Serial No.

From

The Secy to the Hon'ble the Resident

F. 196/1941 dt 17th Jan. 42 re the measures to be adopted with a view to checking alarmist rumours regarding threat to India arising from Far Eastern War.

Law Minister's minute on the P.V.D.

(1) "Our D. Ms should also be given similar powers by Govt of India by executive instructions to P & T officers" deals AVR. 17/1

(2) Dewan deals N. M 20/1

3) Para 3 of the letter suggests that plans may be made for censorship should it become necessary to introduce a regular system of internal censorship of war news. Perhaps a copy of the letter may be sent to the I.G.P. for information with a request to prepare the necessary plans.

(4) It is seen from Para 2 that the P.M.G. Madras is instructing the Supdts of Imperial Post offices in the State.

5) Regarding the Law Minister's minute, it is for orders whether the question may be examined in the Law Section or the Residency may be addressed to move the Govt of India in the matter.

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6) The D. Ms of my office & Communications in the

NOTE—Cont. Sheet.

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Residency letter

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Secy to CS

7) The I.G.P. will be consulted

21/1/42

Law Minister)

Secy 21/1 22/1/42

8) Subd with a draft to the I.G.P.

9) Secy 22/1

Issued no. 1549/W dy 22.1.42 to the I.G.P.

From The I.G. of Police.

F.C. 267/41-42 dd 3rd Feby. 42 offering his remarks as regards the measures to be adopted with a view to checking alarmist rumours regarding threat to India arising from Far Eastern War.

10) It is observed from the Resy letter that the Govt of India do not consider a regular system of internal censorship of war news at present but have asked Provincial and Local Govts for their views and also their recommendations as to the action that should be taken if need arises. As regards Para 3. the IGP has given brief plans that are to be adopted in the Mysore State should it become necessary

vide Para 1 of Resy letter

Measures to be adopted with a view to checking alarmist rumours regarding threat to India arising from far Eastern War

Serial No.

The Residency have not specifically asked for the plans. It is for orders whether the I.G.P's suggestions may be intimated to the Resy. in reply to their letter.

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR LAW
FEB 9 1942
No. 1854

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11) As the Residency have not asked for our plans in the matter it does not appear to be necessary to transmit the suggestions of the I.G.P. to the Residency. Moreover, the suggestions have been made for consideration of Government and are not final in character.

(Chief Secretary)

7/2/42

CHIEF SECRETARY
7. FEB. 1942
GOVT. OF MYSC

12) The proposal of the I.G.P in para (c) and the offer of the Japanese as Censors may I think be agreed.

Law Minister

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13) A suitable draft to the Resident may be sent keeping in view my minute of 17-1-42 on the Resident's letter (Para 1 above)

9-2-42

Issued No Pol. 1520 dt 16.2.42 to the Resy

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CHIEF SECRETARY
11. FEB. 1942
GOVT OF MYSORE.

Add with a draft to the Resy for consideration

Revised draft for approval

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(Chief Secretary)

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Serial No.

From The Secy to the Hon'ble the Resident
F. 156/1941 & 1st March 42 stating that
all necessary action has been taken so far
as the Telegraph Office at the Station concerned.

Last Minister's minute on
the P.V.D. Copy to I.S.P. (Intelligence) AIVR 3/3

Submitted for perusal with a letter to
the I.S.P. forwarding a copy of this
office letter and the Secy regrets
for information

RS 5/3

Issued No. 1928/st dt 5-3-42 to the I.G.P.

The reply to this communication should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

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19. JAN. 1942
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FROM

THE SECRETARY TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dated Bangalore, the 17th January 19 42

Subject:- Measures to be adopted with a view to checking alarmist rumours regarding threat to India arising from Far Eastern War.

I am directed to say that the Government of India have addressed Provincial and Local Governments regarding the necessity of checking alarmist rumours regarding the threat to India arising from the Far Eastern War. In particular they have been asked to make full use of the powers under section 5 of the Telegraph Act and to instruct District Magistrates to request Telegraph Offices to watch for alarmist or sensational telegrams and refer them for orders in the usual manner. If such action is insufficient, it may become necessary to appoint Provincial and Local Officers to be Censors under the Defence of India Rules and posssibly introduce a regular system of internal censorship of war news. The Government of India do not consider this necessary at present but have asked Provincial and Local Governments for their views and also their recommendations as to the action that should be taken if need arises.

2. The Postmaster General Madras, has accordingly been asked to instruct Superintendents of Imperial Post Offices in the Mysore State to arrange that at all important Telegraph Offices some responsible person be deputed to scrutinise all

messages before transmission and that any alarmist or sensational telegrams which may come to notice be forwarded to the Superintendent Central Telegraph Office, Bangalore, who in turn will refer them for orders in the usual manner.

3. I am to request that if the Government of Mysore see no objection plans may kindly be made for censorship should it become necessary to introduce a regular system of internal censorship of war news.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Secretary to the Resident in Mysore.

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Section

File No.

Serial No.

Diary No. of letter replied to..... Secret

No. 1549/W

To The Govt of B.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Measures to be adopted with a view to checking alarmist rumours regarding threat to India arising from Far Eastern War

Date of issue..... 22.1.42

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herein for information a copy of Resy letter F.196/1941 dated 17th Jan 42 on the above subject and to request you kindly to offer favour of your remarks on the suggestions contained in the letter.

Signed by ..... Mr. S. K. V. Iyer

I have etc

sd/- 22/1/42

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SECRET

22nd January 1942.

No. 1549/W
Encl
W13-41-2

The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

Measures to be adopted with a view to checking alarmist rumours regarding threat to India arising from Far Eastern War.

I am directed to enclose herein for information a copy of Residency letter No.F.196/1941 dated the 17th January 1942 on the above subject, and to request you kindly to favour Government with your remarks on the suggestions contained in the letter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

For Chief Secretary to Government.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Copy of letter No.F.196/1941 dated the 17th January 1942 from the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

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Subject:- Measures to be adopted with a view to checking alarmist rumours regarding threat to India arising from Far Eastern War.

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2. The Postmaster General, Madras, has accordingly been asked to instruct Supdts. of Imperial Post Offices in the Mysore State to arrange that at all important Telegraph Offices some responsible person be deputed to scrutinise all messages before transmission and that any alarmist or sensational telegrams which may come to notice be forwarded to the Supdt. Central Telegraph Office, Bangalore who in turn will refer them for orders in the usual manner

3. I am to request that if the Govt. of Mysore see no objection plans may kindly be made for censorship should it become necessary to introduce a regular system of internal censorship of war news.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Tele {gram : POLICE
phone : 2108

OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

No. F.C. 267/41-42

Bangalore, dated....February 3, 1942.....

W13-41-3

FROM :

E. G. B. PEEL, Esq., C.I.E.,
Inspector-General of Police in Mysore,
Bangalore.

To

Gulam Mohiyudin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
Bangalore.

FEB 5 1942
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Subject: Measures to be adopted with a view to checking alarmist rumours regarding threat to India arising from Far Eastern War.

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Sir,

With reference to your letter No.1549/W dated 22nd January 1942, I have the honour to state that, if a regular system of internal censorship of War news becomes necessary, it will be advisable to arrange for the routeing of telegrams through certain selected Telegraph offices in the State. The Commissioner of Police has undertaken to discuss this question with the Telegraph authorities and to make suggestions.

In large cities, such as Bangalore and Mysore, it would be necessary to appoint whole-time censors who might be retired Government officials of some standing and would receive a suitable honorarium. In smaller towns the District Magistrate should nominally be the Censoring Officer but should be authorised to delegate this task to any Gazetted Officer of the Civil Service or Police or other departments who might be available.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE.

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Date of issue 16-2-1962

Signed by Mr. S. K. V

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Section

File No.

Serial No.

No. Pol 1520

To

The Secy to the Hon'ble The Resident in Mysore

Bangalore

Subject: —

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. F 196/1941 dated the 17th January 1962 on the above subject on para 1 of which it is stated that Provincial and Local Governments have been asked to use the powers under Sec 5 of the Telegraph Act and to entrust District Magistrates with certain special powers contemplated by that Section.

I am to suggest for the consideration of the Government of India, that issue to ~~the District Magistrates in Mysore State~~ may be similarly empowered by Executive

wishes issue instructions to the Post and Telegraph authorities to act on Executive requests of Magistrates in the Mysore State

If a regular system of internal

Censorship of news becomes necessary

it will be advisable to arrange for the

Routing of Telegrams through Certain

Selected Telegraph offices in the State.

The D.G of Police in Mysore has reported

that the Commr of Police C.M. Stn Bangalore

has undertaken to discuss this question

with the Telegraph authorities and to

make suggestions

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Chief Secretary to Govt

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

No. Rel 1520 W13-41-4 *Bangalore, Dated,* 16 February 1942.

From M.G. Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
Chief *Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.*

To

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore,

Bangalore.

Sir,

Subject - Measures to be adopted with a view to checking alarmist rumours regarding threat to India arising from Far Eastern War.

I am desired to refer to your letter No.F.196/1941 dated the 17th January 1942 on the above subject in para 1 of which it is stated that Provincial and Local Governments have been asked to use the powers under Sections 5 of the Telegraph Act and to invest District Magistrates with certain special powers contemplated by that Section. I am to suggest for the consideration of the Government of India, the issue of executive instructions to the Post and Telegraph Authorities to act on similar requests of District Magistrates in the Mysore State.

If a regular system of internal censorship of War News becomes necessary it will be advisable to arrange for the routeing of telegrams through certain selected Telegraph Offices in the State. The Inspector General of Police in Mysore reports that the Commissioner of Police, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore has undertaken to discuss this question with the Telegraph Authorities and to make suggestions.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for Chief Secretary to Government.

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The reply to this communication should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

Confidential. No. F.156/1941.

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W13-41-5

FROM

THE SECRETARY TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dated Bangalore, the 1st March *1942.*

Subject:- Measures to be adopted with a view to checking alarmist rumours regarding threat to India arising from Far Eastern War.

SIR,

I am directed to refer to your confidential letter No.Pol.1520, dated the 16th February 1942, and to say that all action necessary at present has been taken so far as Telegraph Offices in the Mysore State are concerned i.e. the Postmaster General, Madras, has been asked to instruct Superintendents of Imperial Telegraph Offices to take action to scrutinize messages and to forward alarmist or sensational telegrams to the Hon'ble the Resident in the usual manner under section 5 of the Indian Telegraph Act 1885.

2. In paragraph 3 of my confidential letter No.F.196/1941, dated the 17th January 1942 the Government of Mysore were asked to make plans for internal censorship should this become necessary in the future and as you state the Inspector-General of Police in Mysore and the Commissioner of Police, Civil and Military Station are, it is understood considering the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Secretary to the Resident in Mysore.

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No. 1928/W
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5th March 1942.

The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

Measures to be adopted with a view to checking alarmist rumours regarding threat to India arising from Far Eastern War.

I am directed to refer to your letter No.F.C.257 dated the 3rd February 1942 on the above subject, and to forward for your information a copy of this office letter No.Pol.1520 dated the 16th February 1942 to the Residency and of their reply thereto in the matter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

For Chief Secretary to Government.